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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, AU
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED STATES:
AUSTRIA

REF: STATE 038923

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET ON FEBRUARY 23 WITH SENIOR MFA
OFFICIALS DEALING WITH CSCE MATTERS TO DISCUSS POINTS CON-
TAINED REFTEL. AUSTRIANS REGISTERED FOLLOWING POSITIONS AND
VIEWPOINTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST.

2. FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS.

A) PREPARATORY MEETING: AUSTRIAN MFA AGREES WITH GROWING
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CONSENSUS THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE TECHNICAL IN
NATURE AND LIMITED LARGELY TO DETERMINING TIMING, AGENDA,
AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MAIN MEETING. STRESS ON
TECHNICAL NATURE OF PREPARATORY MEETING IS DESIRABLE TO
COUNTER EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT SOVIETS AND EASTERN
EUROPEANS WOULD ATTEMPT AT THIS STAGE TO MOVE INTO
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND TO BEGIN DRAFTING OF DOCUMENT

OR STATEMENT FOR CLOSE OF MAIN MEETING.

B) MAIN MEETING: AUSTRIA ALSO ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FULL REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AS PRIMARY GOAL OF MAIN MEETING. UNDERTAKING MUST BE MORE THAN ACADEMIC EXERCISE AND SHOULD FOCUS ON COMPLETE, OBJECTIVE AND BALANCED REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. AT SAME TIME, CONTROVERSY OVER SOME PARTS OF REVIEW, WHICH CAN BE ANTICIPATED, SHOULD NOT BE OF SUCH INTENSITY AS TO GIVE SOVIET UNION AND EE COUNTRIES ANY PRETEXT FOR WRECKING OR WITHDRAWAL FROM MEETING.

C) FOLLOW-UP BEYOND BELGRADE: GOA SHARES US POSITION THAT DECISION ON FOLLOW-UP BEYOND BELGRADE SHOULD BE MADE TOWARD LATTER HALF OF MAIN MEETING SO AS TO BENEFIT FROM CONTINUING EVALUATION OF BELGRADE EXPERIENCE. AUSTRIANS ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FOLLOW-UP OR ANY PROVISION FOR SUBSEQUENT PERIODIC MEETINGS BUT WOULD SUPPORT HOLDING ANOTHER REVIEW MEETING AT ANOTHER PLACE SHOULD A CONSENSUS DEVELOP IN THAT DIRECTION AT MAIN MEETING.

D) LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION: SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY ADDRESSED IN MFA BUT WORKING LEVEL FAVORS SMALL DELEGATION OF EXPERTS AT PREPARATORY MEETING AND MORE SENIOR, LARGER DELEGATION AT MAIN MEETING, SOMEWHAT ALONG LINES OF GENEVA CSCE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. AUSTRIA TOO FEELS THAT IT HAS A
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COMMITMENT TO SPEAK OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHANCELLOR, FOREIGN OFFICE, AND OPPOSITION LEADERS IN PARLIAMENT HAVE ALREADY PUBLICLY DONE SO ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS. GOA, IN RESPONSE TO RECENT EE COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED INTERVENTION IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS RE HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, HAS ARGUED THAT PRINCIPLES CITED IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT GOVERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ARE OF EQUAL VALUE AND THAT PRINCIPLE CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT SUBSUMED OR OVERCOME BY ONE REGARDING NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, GOA FEELS THAT IT CAN DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WITHOUT BEING CHARGED WITH INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF SUCH COUNTRY.

4. WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL. GOA VIEWPOINT IS THAT PROPOSAL DOES NOT, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, INSURE ANY INCREASED SECURITY FOR SMALL NEUTRAL COUNTRIES SUCH AS AUSTRIA AND WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO MFA, RECENT

INDICATIONS FROM EAST GERMANS AND SOVIETS SUGGEST
THAT INTENTION AT THIS TIME IS NOT TO TABLE PROPOSAL
AS FORMAL ONE BUT TO HAVE IT IN THE BACKGROUND OF

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MEETING AND TO REFER TO IT AS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

5. BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. AUSTRIAN THINKING ON SUBJECT
ACCORDS WITH US POSITION, NAMELY DECISION REACHED AT
31ST ANNUAL MEETING OF ECE CONCERNING SOVIET PROPOSAL
IS APPLICABLE. AUSTRIANS HOPE THAT 32ND SESSION OF
ECE WILL DEVELOP SOME SORT OF CONSENSUS ON ISSUE
SO THAT PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE RAISED AT BELGRADE
MEETING. AUSTRIANS ALSO VIEW PROPOSAL AS
DIVERSIONARY IN BELGRADE CONTEXT AND WOULD LIKE FOCUS
AT BELGRADE TO BE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING
BASKET II PROVISIONS.

6. FAMILY REUNIFICATION. RECENT AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCE
IN THIS AREA HAS VARIED CONSIDERABLY ON COUNTRY-BY-
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COUNTRY BASIS, DEPENDING LARGELY ON NUMBER OF PENDING CASES AND ON CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. ROMANIA, WHOSE PERFORMANCE HERETOFORE HAS BEEN POOR, VERY RECENTLY AGREED, TO SURPRISE OF AUSTRIANS, TO RESOLVE 142 CASES, MANY PENDING FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ALSO SURPRISING TO AUSTRIA WAS DECISION FEW DAYS AGO BY BULGARIA, WITH POOR PERFORMANCE RECORD ON DIFFICULT CONSULAR CASES, TO RESOLVE 38 LONG-PENDING CASES. WITH POLAND AND HUNGARY THERE ARE ALMOST NO FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES. FEW CASES WITH USSR PRECLUDES ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY PATTERN. GDR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN MODERATELY GOOD ON REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, BUT VERY BAD ON GIVING EXIT VISAS FOR FAMILY VISITS IN AUSTRIA. RECENT DOWNTURN IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS HAD ADVERSE IMPACT ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION EFFORTS AND MFA IS PESSIMISTIC ON FUTURE EXPECTATIONS.

7. RADIO BROADCASTING. AUSTRIAN MFA REPORTS THAT AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS ARE RECEIVED WITHOUT INTERFERENCE IN NEIGHBORING EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ONE INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN THIS REGARD IS DECISION BY HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPERS IN DISTRICTS BORDERING AUSTRIA TO PUBLISH AUSTRIAN TV SCHEDULE.

8. JOURNALIST EXPULSIONS AND HARASSMENT. AUSTRIAN MEDIA HAS COMMENTED FULLY ON PRACTICES OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE ON THIS SUBJECT AND AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES UP TO CHANCELLOR HIMSELF HAVE ADDRESSED ISSUE OF PRESS FREEDOM AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MANY OCCASIONS. THERE ARE ONLY FEW AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS IN EASTERN EUROPE; NO ADVERSE TREATMENT OR HARASSMENT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO MFA.

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9. NEXT MEETING OF CSCE NEUTRALS. ACCORDING TO MFA, ABSENCE OF ANY MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE HAS PROMPTED MOVE TO PROPOSE POSTPONEMENT OF NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED EARLIER FOR MARCH 7-8 IN BERN, TO SOMETIME IN EARLY MAY. BUCHANAN

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